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Local Brevities.

Invitations are out for the N. T. T. T. P. Club dance on Monday evening, February 15.

Street Superintendent Kearney has been engaged during the past few days in cleaning the principal thoroughfares about the city and the appearance of the streets has been decidedly improved.

"Be true to yourself, and you can be false to no man." Patronize home industry and subserve your own interest. Every dollar spent at home is a dollar saved. Give your order to an Astorian directory solicitor. Don't send your money away. It is needed at home.

The Epworth League will give a St. Valentine social at the Methodist parsonage, corner Exchange and Ninth streets, this evening, to which the public is cordially invited to be present. The young people have been working hard on the program of entertainment

and a good time is assured all those who are so fortunate as to be present.

The exhibits of the local schools which are to be sent to the St. Louis exposition, are now being turned in to the office of County Superintendent Lyman, who is to have charge of the Oregon school exhibits. The work of the pupils make a good showing and will doubtless compare well with the exhibits sent from all over the state.

Lawrence Olds, a man employed by the Seaside Spruce Lumber Company at a Seaside logging camp, was quite badly hurt Wednesday afternoon. He was standing near a coil of cable which is used to haul out logs, and when the logging engine was started the coil flew up, striking him in the right shoulder and fracturing it. Dr. Belt, a Seaside physician, reduced the fracture, which will incapacitate the man for some time.

Whether or not there is to be a lower Columbia river handball tournament is a question that has not yet been decided. Recently overtures for a tour-

ament were made by the Ilwaco Athletic Club and the Commercial Club, of this city, agreed to enter teams. The letter from the Astoria club was sent to Ilwaco, but no reply has been received. The Commercial players are not at all anxious to go into the tournament, especially in view of the lack of interest manifested at Ilwaco. It was the intention to include Cathlamet in the handball league.

Probate Judge Trenchard yesterday appointed W. C. A. Pohl administrator of the estate of the late Charles James, who was accidentally killed at his Bond street shooting gallery. The petition asking for the appointment of Mr. Pohl recites that James' only known relative is his mother, Caroline Hucker, of Bridgewater, county of Somerset, England. James died intestate and his personal effects are valued at \$150. Mr. Pohl's bonds were fixed at \$300. After the expenses of the funeral of deceased are paid the balance of the funds remaining on hand will be forwarded to the mother in England.

C. J. Curtis, who came up from Seaside last night to officiate as master of ceremonies at the Sons of Herman ball speaks enthusiastically of the outlook for the famous summer resort. "We will poll 200 votes at Seaside this June," said Mr. Curtis. "This is almost double the number previously cast at Seaside. The town is growing rapidly and we have added 250 to our population since January 1, 1903. I estimate the present population at 800. There is a great deal of building at present, but there is not a house to be rented in the town. Seaside is going to be a good town and I believe it will have 2000 population by the middle of 1905."

The storm of yesterday played havoc with the telegraph and telephone companies, all of which were deprived of outside communication for a time yesterday. The long-distance telephone line went down during the height of the gale and repairs were not made last night. The Postal line was in trouble 25 or 30 miles east of Astoria and could not be used except for a few hours. The Western Union line went down during the early night, but before midnight repairs had been made. For a time it seemed the Astorian would be cut off without its usual full telegraphic report, but fortunately connection was made by way of Spokane and Seattle. All of the lines running out of Astoria will be repaired today.

There is a play tonight at Fishers' that would be running on Broadway if it had a well known author's name attached. It has already been criticized in these columns. If anyone thinks he has at some time paid \$1.50 for a 30 cent performance, there is a chance tonight to reverse the process and get even with the game. Clara Mathers and her company are giving this performance by request and there should be not only a large audience, but also a fashionable one. The acting is good, the dresses pretty, especially those worn by Clara Mathers, some of which are said to be recent importations from Paris—and look it. The performance will be a continuous one, as usual, and it is the last performance but one that the company will give here, as the engagement concludes on Saturday night.

John Ray, a logger from the north shore of the river, was up before Police Judge Anderson yesterday on a charge of drunkenness and disorderly conduct. Ray had become involved in a very peculiar manner and trial of his case created untold merriment in the police court. The complaining witness set forth that Ray had threatened to perform an autopsy upon her with a large knife, and generally it was made to appear that he was a bad actor. At first he agreed that the case should be tried without counsel appearing for him, but after he had been found guilty and fined \$20 he insisted that the court grant him an opportunity of engaging an attorney. He is spending 10 days in jail because of his inability to demonstrate to the satisfaction of the court that he had conducted himself as a gentleman should under trying circumstances.

"I have been in the newspaper business in Astoria for a great many years, and I am convinced enough to think I can recognize a thoroughly good paper when I see it," said C. J. Curtis, editor of the Seaside Sentinel, last night. "I want to say to you that The Astorian is by long odds the best paper ever published in this city. It is a better paper than is published in any other city of Astoria's size in the country. The management is certainly to be congratulated upon the excellence of The Astorian, and it is not to be wondered at that the people of the city appreciate their morning journal." Police Judge Anderson was present when Mr. Curtis declared himself. "I heartily agree with you, Mr. Curtis," said Judge Anderson. "The Astorian is surely a fine newspaper and a credit to the city." Similar expressions may be heard on all sides, and the circulation of the paper

has increased 20 per cent during the past 30 days.

The circuit court docket for the February term has just been compiled by County Clerk Clinton. There are 92 civil cases on the docket and four criminal actions. The session promises to be of only ordinary interest. Among the criminal cases is that of the state against Arthur Scoggin, who is charged with having caused the death of Printer Boy, a famous pointer dog, upon which ammonia was thrown. Scoggin has been in jail for months awaiting trial. S. Hanaka, a Japanese, is to be tried for assault with a deadly weapon. He is charged with having attacked and severely injured a countryman at Clifton. Charles Belmont, who attacked an Astor street restaurant man with a gun when the latter told him his supper would cost him 35 cents, will also answer a charge of assault with a dangerous weapon. The other criminal case is that against Dr. C. C. C. Rosenberg, who is said to have practiced medicine without a license.

It is an unfortunate fact that two directories should be published in Astoria in the same year, but such is the case. The Astorian Publishing Company announced some time ago that it would issue a directory of this county, and at once began work on it. An opposition has recently appeared in the field in the person of a representative of the R. L. Polk Company, of Detroit, Mich., and is taking orders for a directory to be published during the coming summer. He has secured a number of orders from people who were under the impression that they were subscribing for The Astorian directory, and from others who did not know that a local directory was being issued. The universal desire is to patronize only home industries when they are in competition with outside firms. The Astorian directory is guaranteed to excel any ever printed here in usefulness, and will be more widely circulated, also on a guarantee. The price will be \$1 lower than the outside book will sell for.

Fire Chief Stockton yesterday dismissed Louis Cordes, driver of the chemical for a number of years, charging him with incompetency and neglect of duty. The fire chief says he afforded Mr. Cordes an opportunity to resign, but that the driver declined to avail himself of the offer. It is said there has been more or less ill feeling in the chemical engine house during the past six months, and to those acquainted with affairs there the action of Chief Stockton was not surprising. Mr. Cordes has some very influential friends and it was said yesterday the matter would be vigorously taken up by them. They claim the chief does not stand any too well, himself, and aver they are after his official scalp. It is probable the matter will be brought up for action at the session of the council Monday night. Mr. Cordes said yesterday he had contemplated leaving the city service, but he is not satisfied to leave under such circumstances. Daniel A. McDonald, a well known horseman, has been temporarily appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the dismissal of Mr. Cordes, and the chief will keep him if he proves as competent as he is believed to be.

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Terrible Twins In Trouble. Spokane, Wash., Feb. 11.—Louis Dethrage, one of the "Terrible Twins," who have made a record in Spokane and eastern Washington for deviltry exceeded by very few of their age in the country, will be tried at Harrington on the charge of attempting to kill. It had been stated that Dethrage was wanted at Sandpoint, Idaho, and he was arrested at Harrington. His attorney, Alex Winston, went before Judge Richardson and asked for a writ of habeas corpus, intending to take the man from the officers when they reached here on their way to Sandpoint, but it was decided that he was not wanted at the latter place, and the officers of Lincoln county will hold him and try him there on the charge of attempting to shoot the marshal of Harrington. Dethrage recently attempted to burn his way out of the jail at Harrington, and was tried on the charge of arson, but was acquitted on the ground of insanity.

His twin brother, Duke Dethrage, is in the county jail here under sentence for burglary. He has appealed to the supreme court and is now awaiting the hearing of his case by that tribunal.

An ASTORIA Directory

As has heretofore been announced, the Astorian Publishing Company is preparing to issue a business, commercial and statistical directory of Astoria, Clatsop county, and the tributary towns on the Washington side of the Columbia.

This directory will be the most complete and valuable work of its kind ever issued and will contain much useful information and reference matter not heretofore published. It will be a book of great interest to every citizen of this community.

It will be a home product. Since work was commenced on this directory an outside firm has undertaken to get up a directory in Astoria and is now glibly representing that the Astorian Publishing Company has withdrawn from the field in its favor, and that the outside people are the only ones who know how to publish a directory.

This is not the truth. Work is progressing on the home product and the result will be the most creditable book yet issued.

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